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FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE, UNDERSECRETARY HABIB AND
MR. BRZEZINSKI FROM EUGENE V. ROSTOW

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. AGREEMENTS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY: CONVERSATIONS
WITH ATA DELEGATES

1. INTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH DELEGATES
TO ASSEMBLY OF ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION HERE - PROFESSOR
PANAYOTIS PERDIKAS AND MICHAEL MELAS FOR THE GREEK ATLANTIC
COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR NURI BIRGI, SEYFI TASHAN, AND MUAMMER
BAYKAN FOR THE TURKISH ASSOCIATION - RESULTED IN AGREEMENT
ON THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN THE FINAL
RESOLUTION:

QTE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT DUTIES OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS
MEMBERS IS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN AND
STRENGTHEN ALLIED SOLIDARITY, AND TO RESTORE SOLIDARITY
WHEN SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS AMONG ALLIES OCCUR.....

QTE EVER SINCE THE MEETING IN OTTAWA IN 1974, THE
ASSEMBLY HAS EXPRESSED INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT THE
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FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A FAIR AND BALANCED SETTLEMENT OF
THE DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, IN THE SPIRIT
OF RESPECT FOR THEIR EQUAL DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY,
AND FOR RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL TREATIES.

QTE THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE PERSISTED TOO LONG.
THEY COULD SOON THREATEN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL
COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

QTE WE THEREFORE URGE THE NATIONS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY CONCERNED TO COOPERATE URGENTLY IN ACTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS DOMINATED BY THE OVERRIDING INTEREST OF ALL THE ALLIES IN THE SOLIDARITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALLIANCE.

QTE TO THIS END, THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES ITS HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES PROMPTLY RATIFY THE BILATERAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES, AND ALSO THE PENDING AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES WHEN IT IS SIGNED, ON THE BASIS OF THE EQUAL TREATMENT OF THOSE NATIONS AS FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

QTE THE ASSEMBLY HOPES AS WELL THAT THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS CAN BE AGREED SHORTLY IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS WHICH SCRUPULOUSLY SAFEGUARDS THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL ITS PEOPLE, AND FULLY RESPECTS ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY.

QTE EQUALLY, THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT GREEK FORCES WILL SOON RETURN TO THE NATO SYSTEM OF INTEGRATED COMMAND. UNQUOTE

2. PERDIKAS AND MELAS ASSURED ME, AND REPEATED THEIR ASSURANCES TWICE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE TURKS, THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO ATHENS AND WORK HARD TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT (A) TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE AID AGREEMENT
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PROMPTLY, IN ORDER TO HELP US REPEAL THE EMBARGO AND RATIFY THE TURKISH AID AGREEMENT AT HOME; AND (B) TO INDICATE CLEARLY TO THEIR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS AND IN AMERICA GENERALLY THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR CHANGE.

3. I HAVE NO JUDGMENT AS TO HOW SERIOUS OR EFFECTIVE THEY WILL BE. BUT WE CAN HOPE. THEY BOTH PROFESS TO ACCEPT WHAT THEY UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT SENTENCES IN THE RESOLUTION, NAMELY "THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE PERSISTED TOO LONG. THEY COULD SOON THREATEN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE".

4. THE TURKS HERE AND OTHER DELEGATES OF EXPERIENCE AGREE THAT THE EROSION OF PUBLIC OPINION IN TURKEY IS SERIOUS, AND IS ACCELERATING.
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